

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation is necessary for Idaho to establish a mature pollutant trading program that provides a benefit to the regulated community and Idaho's most treasured water resources. This legislation authorizes a voluntary water quality innovation and pollutant trading program in Idaho and provides the Department of Environmental Quality authority to regulate the program.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be personnel and time cost to the State of Idaho associated with the implementation of a water quality trading program. However, these will be accounted for in the overall existing cost of operating the Surface Water Bureau in the Surface and Wastewater Division at DEQ. Anticipated annual costs of \$10,000 would cover the personnel and associated operating costs for implementation of the water quality trading program.

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